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CHARLES A. FRANKLIN ... Eye on Congress

Franklin Hopes To Upset King In Heated Race

"Hello. My name is Charles Franklin, and I'm running for Congress."

With those words as the opening wedge, Charles Franklin, Republican nominee for Congress, has talked to more than 5000 residents of the 17th District since the primaries in one of the most vigorous campaigns ever waged in this fast-growing area.

Born in San Francisco in 1926, Franklin learned early that he was expected to make his own way. Placed in the San Francisco County Orphanage at the age of 9, lived there until he was 16, working his way through high school as a grocery clerk and service station attendant.

Entered Navy In 1946, he was graduated from SC as a mechanical engineer, and entered the Navy as an apprentice seaman. He was discharged later as an ensign after service aboard the U.S.S. Duluth in the Pacific.

Returning to SC where he entered the School of Law, he was a member and co-founder of the SC Young Republicans, along with Patrick J. Hillings and Joseph F. Holt, both elected to Congress since that time. He was a member of the Speakers' Bureau for Senator Kuchel in 1954 and campaigned for Bob Finch in the local Congressional race.

Varied Background The varied background of the aggressive young candidate is indicated by the organizations in which he holds membership. These include the American Legion, Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, Retail Clerks' and Grocers' Union, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and National Society of Life Underwriters.

"Your Congressman's job is to go back to Washington, D.C., and fight for the laws that will be best for his District and for the nation," Franklin has stated. "It is not a job that can be done by voting on the floor of Congress alone—it is a job that involves vigorous participation in floor debate, and vigorous work both in the House of Representatives and outside for the legislation that is best for the district."

Goals Cited Franklin said he would work for expansion of harbor facilities to enable the district to regain some of the trade it has lost, for improved working conditions in the Post Office, a tariff or quota system on Tuna imports, and preservation of the Fish and Game Commission to protect the country's sportsmen.

Franklin is married to the former Helene Empie of Duncan, Ariz., and the couple has three daughters, Joanne, 3½; Barbara, 2½, and Katherine, 1. The Franklin family lives just south of the Torrance boundary in a recently developed tract.

Cecil R. King Seeks Eighth Term in House

Cecil R. King, veteran California Democratic leader, and member of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., since 1942, is seeking re-election to that post in Tuesday's election against the vigorous campaigning of Charles Franklin, the Republican nominee for the office.

The Congressman, who attained the national office in a special election in 1942 following the death of incumbent Lee E. Geyer, campaigned and won his first Congressional election on a solid pro-Roosevelt stand. Prior to his election as Congressman, he had served in the California Assembly since 1932. His leadership abilities were soon recognized in Sacramento, and he was elected floor leader of the Assembly in 1936, a position he held until he left to assume his Congressional office.

Headed Party At the time of his election he was titular head of the



CECIL R. KING ... Seeks Eighth Term

Democratic Party for the 11 Southern California counties in his capacity as vice chairman of the State Central Committee. He was a delegate to the 1940 Democratic National Convention where he supported the third-term nomination of President Franklin Roosevelt.

During King's 14-year tenure in Washington he has enjoyed a genuine popularity throughout his district, now the most populous Congressional district in the United States.

On Top Committee He has been a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee of the House for several years, and has been a leader in Democratic legislative fights.

The local Representative received the spotlight of national publicity during 1952 when he headed the House subcommittee which investigated the administration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. His findings which were turned over to Congress did much to correct an unhealthy situation in the department.

Studied Narcotics Another brief period of national recognition was gained by King in 1953 when he undertook a serious study of the Narcotics menace in the United States. His findings were turned over to Congress with recommendations for correcting the abuses. His report received the commendation of Harry J. Anslinger, commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. King sought to increase the authority of narcotics agents in the bills he later introduced.

After Congress adjourned this year, he visited Europe in connection with his Ways and Means Committee assignment to study the uses of American appropriations there.

The Congressman has largely confined his campaign this fall to the beach cities, making only one announced visit in Torrance since his return from Europe late in September.



VINCENT THOMAS ... Seeking Re-Election

Thomas Seeks Eighth Term In Assembly

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who has served the 68th Assembly District in Sacramento since 1940, is seeking his eighth re-election at the polls Tuesday.

The popular Legislator, who has won strong support from both major political parties during his 16 years in Sacramento, has been a resident of San Pedro, since 1919.

Thomas won his first election to the Legislature in a hotly contested battle with Torrance's Jimmy O'Toole, and has risen in stature in the Legislature to the position of minority floor leader in the Republican-controlled House.

Is Party Leader Should the Democrats win control of the lower House in the Legislature this year, Thomas will be a favored candidate for election as speaker of the Assembly.

Assemblyman Thomas first went to Sacramento as a legislative representative for the Fishermen's Cooperative Association. He later represented other canners in Sacramento before seeking election in 1940.

Aids City Projects During recent years, Thomas has succeeded in raising the limit on municipal leases allowing Torrance to enter into a 50-year lease recently for the Airport Triangle for proposed commercial development.

He is married to Mary Di Carlo Thomas, member of the Di Carlo bakery family. He and Mrs. Thomas have two children, Mary Virginia, 5, and Vincent Paul, 1.

BOYS QUESTIONED IN FRIDAY FIRE

Torrance juvenile officers yesterday were questioning two boys suspected of setting a fire in a small house at 5128 Emerald St., Friday afternoon.

Deiningers Ends 33-Year Career With Post Office

Lou H. Deiningers, assistant postmaster at the Torrance Post Office for more than 20 years, retired yesterday after a career of 33 years in the postal service.

On hand to salute the retiring veteran on his last day at work were members of the local staff, many of them who have worked with Deiningers for a score of years.

Came Here in 1924 A native of Owatonna, Minn., Deiningers came to Torrance in 1924 after hearing glowing reports of the area from his brother, Robert J. Deiningers, who was then affiliated with the Torrance First National Bank, a city councilman, and president of the Kiwanis Club.

He had already seen service in the postal service as a sub-clerk in his hometown post

Tom Brewer Seeks Post In Assembly

Seeking to upset veteran Assemblyman Vincent Thomas in the voting next Tuesday is Tom Brewer, Torrance insurance man, who is backed by the 68th District Republicans.

Brewer, who admits he has taken on a tough assignment, is a strong advocate of the two-party system of government, and says a man "takes too much for granted when he is in office too long."

A resident of Torrance for the past four years, Brewer serves as legal counsel for a large insurance firm in Southern California.

Plugs for Court Two of Brewer's main campaign themes have been aid to fishermen, both commercial and sport fishers, and a superior court in the area—probably in Torrance.

Brewer is a native of New York but has lived in Los Angeles since he was 24 years old.

The GOP candidate has been active in local Republican activities for several years, and



THOMAS BREWER ... Pulls For Upset

has been executive vice president of the 68th Assembly District Republicans for the past two years. He is a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

In First Campaign This is his first campaign as a candidate. He majored in political science at Columbia University, in taxation and government at Fordham University Law School.

He is a resident of north Torrance and a member of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. He has been conducting a vigorous house-to-house campaign in which he has contacted 3000 residents since the primaries.

Waste Pile Burns

Torrance firemen battled flames in a waste pile at American Rock Wool Corp., 401 Arlington Ave., Friday, for 30 minutes before bringing them under control. Cause of the fire is unknown.



ADLAI STEVENSON ... Makes Second Bid

Final Campaign Pleas Voiced As Election Nears

(Continued from Page One) call it a move toward monopolizing oil production in the state. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on each side of the question in the all-out pitch for votes.

One proposition which has been endorsed by the HERALD appears to have no organized opposition. That is County Proposition No. B, a bond issue for \$15,000,000 to replace the obsolete facilities at Harbor General Hospital. County chairman for this proposition is Sam Levy, pioneer Torrance businessman and civic leader.

Ride to Polls Rides to the polls will be offered by the Democratic Headquarters, 1207 El Prado and may be obtained by calling FA 8-8592.

Volunteers for Ike and Dick will offer rides to the polls also from their headquarters at 1615 Cabrillo Ave. The phone number to call there is FA 8-6921.

Both the Republican and Democratic headquarters will be open election night, "until the crowd goes home."

A television set has been installed in the Democratic headquarters to bring latest national returns to those visiting the office.

Both parties are adding workers to their precinct lists daily, designed for one purpose: to get YOU to vote.

You can make their jobs easier by going to the polls early next Tuesday morning and VOTE.



LETTERS FOR THE MAYOR ... School officials look over some of the 18,000 letters which were given to Mayor Albert Isen yesterday as the reasons why local school children think that Torrance should be named an All-American city.

Eisenhower Win Seen by Morley

(Continued from Page 1) ered in 1952. A more conservative estimate in our opinion would be that Stevenson is likely to poll about 140 electoral votes out of the total of 531.

States to Watch For an early key to how the wind is blowing election day watch the early returns from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Eisenhower won these in 1952 by about 250,000 and 200,000 votes, respectively. If he holds his own, or gains here, it will indicate an early victory. If it appears he is losing them, the race will be much closer than we have concluded in this appraisal.

The key states to watch for Stevenson are Minnesota, Missouri, Washington, Illinois, Michigan and Florida. Any shift in these states to him would indicate a very important trend.

If any of the states which Stevenson lost by a 60-40 margin in 1952 should go to him, or be close, it will be the tip-off that the race will run to the wire.

For Stevenson to win he must win all the breaks, plus the political luck which has been known to push political underdogs under the wire. Stevenson could win with a shift of only 4 per cent of the national vote in the right places. The odds are overwhelmingly against this happening in all the important states.

Inside the Campaign Across the nation Eisenhower's popularity is overwhelming as the best qualified for the White House. He will lose many votes, however, on the basis of local conditions and local candidates. With the nation at peace and reasonable prosperity, the issues become pretty localized to the district level. If things are normal locally, Ike looms as a sure winner.

Stevenson, as a candidate, is weaker in 1956 than in 1952, in our opinion. He has been out of public office longer, while Eisenhower has been in and better informed. Stevenson has not married and the contrast of his standing alone, while Mamie and he wave to the crowds together, is politically advantageous. We heard this in the small towns repeatedly.

Our estimate of Kefauver is that he proved a disappointment in the campaign and did not help Stevenson as expected. Harriman snubbed him in New York by going to the World Series during the three

days Kefauver covered the state. His crowds were small and without much enthusiasm. We believe Nixon outclassed him even in Tennessee. Nixon is a much better speaker, more personable and, of course, carried the prestige of the Vice Presidency around with him.

The same is true of President Eisenhower's larger crowds. It's hard to figure whether he pulled them as President, or as a candidate.

A Picture of America Since the conventions, we have dashed across the nation to be with the candidates on the grass roots level. When you mingle with the workers and the farmers and the rural housewives, you get a picture of America that is strange and different than you find among the great white ways. Some of their problems are as personal as a toothache and have little or nothing to do with the outcome of Suez or the showdown with the Russians. As one farmer put it to me in Wichita ... "Frankly," he said, "we don't give a damn what happens in Egypt, Russia, or the whole cockeyed world ... just so it rains in Kansas." (Please vote Nov. 6.)

Wins YMCA Honors Here

Mrs. Verda Hansen, one of the city's earliest residents, Saturday was named as the "Good Neighbor" of 1956 at the Torrance YMCA breakfast.

After her selection was announced, Mrs. Hansen told a full house at the Civic Auditorium: "Just remember to keep a smile on your face, whatever you do."

A resident at 2063 Carson St., Mrs. Hansen was nominated for the "good neighbor" by G. S. Evans

Benson New Chamber Boss

Werner Benson, attorney, was elected president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting held in the Wayfarer's Restaurant, Thursday night. He succeeds W. C. Cowan.

Other new officers are Ray Ferrin, vice president; Dr. Warren Low, second vice president; Joan LaManno, secretary; and John Stanton, treasurer.



INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY ... The striking beauty of Ingrid Goude, who represented Sweden in last summer's "Miss Universe" Pageant in Long Beach, has been captured here in this Hefez portrait by HERALD Photographer Svensk. Svensk, who made this portrait the evening of the final judging in Long Beach, plans to present the portrait to Miss Goude. Proud of his own ancestry, Svensk is anxious to point out that the Swedish representative has placed in four out of the five contests so far held, including Miss Hellevi Rombin, last year's "Miss Universe."